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SUBJECT: JSP SENDS DELEGATION TO MOSCOW

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1. UPPER HOUSE MEMBER SEICHI KAWAMURA WILL LEAD FIVE-MAN  
JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) DELEGATION TO SOVIET UNION  
AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 3 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET  
COMMUNIST PARTY INTERNATIONAL BUREAU. MAJOR TOPICS,  
ACCORDING TO STATEMENT BY KAWAMURA AUGUST 24, WILL  
BE JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS IN WAKE OF CONCLUSION OF  
PFT WITH CHINA; FISHERY PROBLEMS; ECONOMIC COOPERATION;  
AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIRST VISIT TO MOSCOW BY ASUKATA  
SINCE HIS ELECTION AS JSP CHAIRMAN.

2. JSP GROUP HAS BEEN RECEIVING SUBSTANTIAL PRESS  
ATTENTION AS FIRST DIETMEN'S DELEGATION TO VISIT  
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MOSCOW SINCE PFT SIGNING AUGUST 14. TIMING OF SOVIET  
INVITATION, WHICH JSP REQUESTED IN LATE JUNE BUT WHICH  
WAS NOT ISSUED UNTIL AUGUST 16, HAS ALSO HEIGHTENED  
EXPECTATIONS THAT MOSCOW WILL USE VISIT AS OPPORTUNITY  
FURTHER TO ASSERT ITS VIEWS ON PFT, AND TO INDICATE  
DIRECTIONS OF POST-PFT DIPLOMACY TOWARD TOKYO.  
MOREOVER, INASMUCH AS NO JSP CHAIRMAN HAS VISITED

MOSCOW SINCE 1974, AND CHAIRMAN ASUKATA HAD TO POST-PONE MOSCOW VISIT PLANNED FOR LAST JUNE, DISCUSSIONS ON NEW DATE FOR ASUKATA WOULD BE VIEWED AS INDICATION OF FUTURE SOVIET INTENTIONS TOWARD JAPANESE OPPOSITION PARTIES.

3. JSP INTERNATIONAL BUREAU STAFFER TOLD EMBOFF AUG 28 THAT JSP REGARDED PRIMARY PURPOSE OF DIETMEN'S VISIT AS ARRANGING ASUKATA VISIT, HOPEFULLY THIS YEAR AND PREFERABLY BEFORE MEETING OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL IN VANCOUVER IN EARLY NOVEMBER. HE SAID PARTY EXPECTED DELEGATION'S INTERLOCUTORS WOULD ATTACK PFT, AND POSSIBLY JSP FOR SUPPORTING IT, AND WAS ALSO PREPARED FOR RENEWED SOVIET PITCH ON BEHALF OF ITS "GOOD NEIGHBOR" TREATY WITH JAPAN. STAFFER SAID JSP GROUP WOULD SEEK TO CLARIFY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOVIET-PROPOSED TREATY AND ITS OWN FOR "PEACE TREATY," BUT WOULD ISSUE NO COMMUNIQUES. HE SAID JSP WAS HOPING DELEGATION WOULD HELP CLEAR AIR BETWEEN SOVIETS AND JSP, AND LAY GROUNDWORK SO THAT ASUKATA COULD AVOID CONTENTIOUS ISSUES DURING HIS VISIT.

4. COMMENT: RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY AND JSP HAVE BEEN STRAINED IN RECENT YEARS BY SOCIALISTS' ARDENT SUPPORT FOR PFT, ESPECIALLY IN STATEMENTS ISSUED DURING VISITS BY PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN NARITA AND CURRENT

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CHAIRMAN ASUKATA TO PEKING. HOWEVER, WITH CONCLUSION OF PFT, ASUKATA HAS UNDOUBTEDLY COME UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM POWERFUL, PRO-SOVIET SOCIALISM ASSOCIATION WING OF JSP TO REDRESS IDEOLOGICAL BALANCE THROUGH PILGRIMAGE TO MOSCOW. JSP LEADERSHIP ALSO NO DOUBT HOPES THAT ASUKATA VISIT TO MOSCOW SHORTLY AFTER CONCLUSION OF PFT WILL GIVE PARTY IMAGE OF PLAYING DIPLOMATIC ROLE. (PERHAPS WITH THIS IN MIND, JSP STATEMENT WELCOMING PFT SIGNATURE PLACED CONSIDERABLE STRESS ON NEED FOR IMPROVING JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS). HOWEVER, PARTY LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN ANXIOUS TO AVOID REPEAT OF POOR ASUKATA PERFORMANCES EARLIER THIS YEAR IN PEKING AND PYONGYANG, WHERE CHAIRMAN SUBMITTED SUPINELY TO HOSTS' DEMANDS ON SEVERAL SENSITIVE ISSUES IN JOINT COMMUNIQUES (REFTEL), AND HAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO SEND KAWAMURA'S DELEGATION FIRST TO PAVE THE WAY. MANSFIELD

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